



## ALA MOANA-KAKA'AKO NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 11

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 MAKIKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Landry called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Quorum was established with eight (8) members present. Note – This nine (9)-member Board requires five (5) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Roll Call: (From Board right to left) Ryan Tam, Treasurer; Duane Komine, Second Vice Chair; Larry Hurst, First Vice Chair; Aaron Landry, Chair; Michael Zehner; Tom McLaughlin, Secretary; Rodney Chang, and William Ammons.

Board Members Present – William J. Ammons, Rodney Chang, Larry Hurst, Duane Komine, Aaron Landry, Tom McLaughlin, Ryan Tam, and Michael Zehner.

Board Members Absent – None.

Vacancies – There was one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 4.

Guests – Xan Avendano (Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland's Office), Raytan Vares (Senator Brickwood Galuteria's Office staff); Representative Tom Brower, Kay Yasufuku Tam (Representative Scott Saiki's Office), Noelle Wright (Mayor's representative, Mayor's Office of Economic Development), James Larson (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office), Councilmember Carol Fukunaga, Francis Choe (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office), Captain Robert Hoopii (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Lyle Fleck (Honolulu Police Department), James Kramer, Jason Selley (USGBC), Kevin Wong (Spike and Serve), Steve Miller, C. K., Mari Tait (Hawai'i Convention Center), Pam and John Wood, Lindsey Doi (Hawai'i Community Development Authority), Annie Koh (University of Hawai'i (UH) Department of Urban and Regional Planning), Dexter Okada (KBLA), Brad Yamamoto, Chloe Cuo (student), Ashley John (student), Karisa Taketa (Nursing student), Meg Akim (Miss Kaka'ako), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

### CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative was present at this time and no report was available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Lyle Fleck reported the following:

- August 2015/July 2015 Statistics – There were 7/12 motor vehicle thefts, 8/17 burglaries, 157/169 thefts, 24/36 unauthorized entries into motor vehicles, 20/24 assaults, 6/3 sex assaults, 1/2 graffiti cases, and 42/41 drug offenses. There were 6,577/7,422 total calls for service.

Comments followed:

1. Maps – Hurst distributed a map of HPD District 1 with the sectors and beats.
2. Drugs – Chair Landry noted receiving an e-mail from a resident, who lives near the corner of Makaloa Street and Sheridan Streets and reported drug dealing since 2013. The resident reported this to Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office and was helped by James Larson. Sergeant Fleck advised the resident not to confront the alleged drug dealers and to call 911. HPD must witness the dealing. Sergeant Fleck added that messages can be left on a recorder. Brad Yamamoto admitted to be the sender of the e-mail and has called the narcotics office and has left messages, but has not received a call back. Sergeant Fleck said the messages will be investigated and to submit close-up photos of the transactions to aid prosecution. Chair Landry asked Yamamoto and Sergeant Fleck to follow up outside the meeting.

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Robert Hoopii reported the following:

- August 2015 Statistics – There were 10 fires and 146 medical emergencies.
- Fire Safety Tips – The HFD has the following guidelines for senior citizens, which will enable HFD to respond better during a medical emergency: Call 911 first for any emergency. Have a list of medications and medical history available. Know where the advanced directives are (Comfort Care Only - Do Not

Resuscitate, or Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment). If living alone, ensure there is adequate access for first responders, and ensure the address is clearly marked and easy to see.

Comments followed: Strong Commendation – Hurst commended HFD for coming to the aid of a 90 year-old man, who was stuck in an elevator.

Filling of Vacancy in Subdistrict 4 – Chair Landry asked for any nominations to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4. The boundaries were listed on the agenda. First Vice Chair Hurst wanted to nominate former Board member Dexter Sensui to fill the vacancy. However, Sensui's wife had health problems and Hurst will wait until next month to nominate Sensui again and verify the residency.

#### RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

University of Hawai'i (UH) Urban Planning Academy – Annie Koh from the UH Department of Urban and Regional Planning announced Kaka'ako: Our Kuleana, a six (6)-week free workshop series to learn about development issues in Kaka'ako. Starting on Tuesday, October 13, 2015 and continuing through Tuesday, November 17, 2015, all sessions will be held at the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) community room at the American Brewery building at 547 Queen Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Department of Urban and Regional Planning will be giving a certificate of completion to those attending four (4) or more workshops. For more information, visit – [www.durphawaii.edu](http://www.durphawaii.edu).

Ward Village Events – A representative announced that she left a list of October 2015 events on the information table.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health and Public Safety – Committee Chair Hurst reported an observed bike rider and read his written report – "Before plans for extensive dedicated bicycle traffic lanes go any further new legislation needs to be in place. Everyone has the right to be safe on Hawaii's roads, and it has long been held that driving a car is a not a right but a privilege granted with lawful compliance to attempt safety for all. Like driving a car, bicycling on public roadways, additionally on pedestrian sidewalks, needs the same lawful compliance.

Share The Road should also mean share the responsibility and share the cost. For the privilege of using any public roadway cycling machine users must have a required operator's license, obtained after passing tests of traffic law knowledge and of physical ability and skills. With proof of ownership and with proof of insurance for injury to others and damage to others' property, cycling machines must be registered and that renewed annually with passing machinery safety checks. Fees collected build and maintain bicycle traffic lanes.

Licensing would reduce the number of persons endangering others or themselves so should not be on a public roadway. Licensing would be a matter of pride for those who take riding seriously. Registration would deter bicycle theft. Being caught without a license or registration would deter reckless riding so common now on the roads and sidewalks.

Legislation is needed to make at least helmets mandatory when on a public roadway or sidewalk. It must be made clear by law that pedestrians always have the right-of-way, if unsafe to pass or approach someone on a sidewalk then a cyclist must dismount and also walk. To cross a four (4)-lane street cyclists must assume the responsibility of a pedestrian. Although indirectly, law now notes it must be made clear that bicycles are not to be secured to public sign posts, utility poles, streetlight poles, and trees - hazards to pedestrians and obstructions for parked motor vehicles as well as for maintenance and repair work."

Citizen Patrols Reports – There were none.

Community Relations – Committee Chair Duane Komine reported that being absent last month, so there was no report. On Wednesday, September 16, 2015 Komine received an e-mail that noted that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and TRB just confirmed that after reviewing the traffic study, have no objections with the second shared left turn lane from Waimanu Street to Pi'ikoi Street.

Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) – Committee Chair Tom McLaughlin deferred to committee member and HCDA representative Lindsey Doi, who reported the following:

1. No Newsletter Tonight – Doi apologized that the newsletter was not ready yet, but it will be posted on the website soon.

2. Updates – The HCDA voted to grant a waiver of its glass rule for the Symphony Honolulu development. The glass rule is not as concerned with reflectivity, but with visual light transmission and energy efficiency. The developers of Symphony Honolulu agreed to pay an additional \$1 million in public facilities dedication fees, bringing their total public facilities dedication fees to over \$3.6 million. This money will be used for community improvement projects in Kaka'ako. The City is continuing to enforce the homeless blocking sidewalks. The developer of 801 South Street, Building A is also seeking a waiver of the glass rule. The HCDA will hold public hearings on that issue on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 and Thursday, October 8, 2015 with a decision-making public hearing scheduled on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Comments followed:

1. Homelessness – McLaughlin noted that the courts have decided to allow the enforcement of the stored property laws.
2. Reflective Glass – Hurst was on CNN. Doi noted the rules do not deal with reflectivity. HCDA is considering of clarifying the rules. Developers did look at a balance between visual light transmission and energy efficiency, not reflectivity. There are a few competing assumptions.
3. Makai Park – Tam asked and Doi responded that the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be out very soon. The 45-day public comment period will follow.

Legislation – Committee Chair Zehner reported the following:

- Bill 68, Relating to Bike Lanes – Councilmember Trevor Ozawa introduced Bill 68. The purpose of this ordinance is to add bikeways as a type of public infrastructure to be shown on public infrastructure maps. Bill 68 is going to the City Council.

Parks and Waterways – Committee Chair Ryan Tam reported the following:

- Board of Water Supply (BWS) Report
  - Main Break Report – There were no water main breaks in the Ala Moana/Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board area in August 2015.
  - Water Emergency Preparedness – One (1) crucial component of the preparedness kit is a safe drinking water supply. Residents should store at least one (1) gallon of water per person per day for at least five (5) to seven (7) days. More information about water emergency preparedness is available online at [www.boardofwatersupply.com](http://www.boardofwatersupply.com).
- Parks – Ala Wai Canal Project Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Public Meeting – The meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Washington Middle School Cafeteria, 1633 South King Street.

Transportation – Chair Landry reported the following:

- Waimanu and Pi'ikoi Streets Traffic Concerns – Chair Landry mentioned that the Waimanu Street/Pi'ikoi Street intersection was covered under Komine's report.
- Future Bikeway Projects: A meeting was held to discuss future bikeway projects on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center, Hawai'i Suite. Many top-ranking officials were present. There was discussion of a South Street bike lane on the Ewa side of the street to be installed by the end of the year and to be connected with the King Street Cycle Track.
- Road Ownership in Kaka'ako – Resolution 15-45, relating to the establishing of an advisory Task Force to deal with the problems of public/private ownership is still before the City Council. There was a news story on KHON-2 about private reserved parking signs. As of Thursday, October 1, 2015, the City will no longer maintain the roads.
- Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) – The staff of OahuMPO asked the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to vote on transportation priorities. The vote was overwhelmingly on the HandiVan and the aging population. Chair Landry noted that OahuMPO is hiring for a few administrative positions. See Chair Landry if interested.

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART)/Honolulu Rapid Transit Project (H RTP) – Pat Lee is at the Pearl City Neighborhood Board meeting and submitted a written report, which was available for interested persons. Chair Landry read from the written report, as follows:

- The West Oahu Farrington Highway Guideway portion (from East Kapolei to Pearl Highlands) is now 72% completed. The Kamehameha Highway portion (from Pearl Highlands to Aloha Stadium) is 40% completed, and the Rail Operations Center in Waipahu is 77% completed.

- These are the latest construction highlights: Foundation shafts: 290, Columns: 204, Segments cast: 3,290, and Spans: 170.
- HART has launched a new program called "Shop & Dine on the Line", which is a partnership between HART and dozens of businesses in Pearl City, Aiea and Waipahu that features special offers and discounts on shopping, dining and other services along the rail route. The program is designed to assist businesses during rail construction by encouraging the public to patronize them and use the discounts and other promotions these businesses are offering. Visit: [www.shopanddineontheline.com](http://www.shopanddineontheline.com) for more details and a list of the participating businesses.
- For traffic updates, meeting notices and more information, visit the website [www.honolulutransit.org](http://www.honolulutransit.org), call the project hotline at 566-2299 or email a question at [info@honolulutransit.org](mailto:info@honolulutransit.org).

Homelessness – Committee Chair William Ammons reported that Scott Morishige from the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness will be making a presentation.

REPORTS OF MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS: Chair Landry clarified that Board members may report on meetings that they attended in the capacity of a representative of the Neighborhood Board.

Citizens' Patrol – Hurst was to attend a federal Weed and Seed meeting, but fell ill, due to the weather.

Future Bikeway Projects Meeting - Hurst attended, which he felt was like a bike rally to support a protected bike lane along South Street. Chair Landry went to that meeting and described it as outreach and feedback from the community. Representatives from numerous Neighborhood Boards, City Administration, State Representatives and Senators, Hawai'i Department of Transportation, transit and planning professionals and many community members attended.

Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 – Chair Landry attended the Nu'uano/Punchbowl Neighborhood Board No. 12 on Tuesday, September 15, 2015.

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – Chair Landry attended the OahuMPO CAC meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

Kaimukī Neighborhood Board No. 4 – Chair Landry also attended the Kaimukī Neighborhood Board No. 4 in the evening of Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

New Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Noelle Wright, Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) learned from the former Mayor's Representative Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Director Mike Formby and reported the following:

- No Updates – There were no updates on the Mayor's Top Five (5) priorities.
- Ownership of Sewer Lines on Elm Street and Alohi Way – The Department of Environmental Services (ENV) responded that the sewers in the vicinity of Elm and Alohi that are on private land are considered private sewers. Records do not show any sewer easements in favor of the City for these sewers. Department of Design and Construction (DDC) responded that after researching the sewer lines in the vicinity of Elm and Alohi Streets, DDC concurred with ENV that there are no sewer easements owned by the City. DDC does not maintain records for non-City sewer lines and, therefore, are unable to provide ownership information.

Comments followed:

1. Sewer Line – Hurst noted that there was no record. The response was no answer. Wright will follow up.
2. Private Roads – Pam Woods asked who owns the sewer lines under the private roads. Wright will follow up.
3. Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and the Sewers – A resident asked if DPP reviews the sewer plans. Wright will follow up.
4. City News September 2015 – Wright reminded everyone to pick up a copy of the City News September 2015 for more information.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga circulated copies of her newsletter and reported the following:

- Homelessness – Councilmember Fukunaga was pleased to see Scott Morishige, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, tonight. Bringing many levels of agencies together allows better results in solving the homeless problem.
- Complete Streets-Ward/Kaka'ako – Last July 2015, the City Department of Transportation Services conducted a walk audit along Ward Avenue between Beretania Street and Halekauwila Street. Click on DTS' "Complete Streets" link at – [www.honolulu.gov/dts/completestreets](http://www.honolulu.gov/dts/completestreets) for an electronic copy of the report. There are 13 draft plans and DTS wants to get public feedback on the interaction of bus riders, pedestrians, and cars.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – James Larson distributed copies of Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter with contact information and was available to hear concerns.

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Francis Choe distributed copies of Councilmember Ozawa's newsletter, and reported the following:

- Bill 68, Relating to Bike Lanes – Councilmember Trevor Ozawa introduced Bill 68, which mandates the City Administration to tell the City Council where the proposed bike lanes are going to be placed. The Council must approve of new bike lanes, which will be discussed at the October 2015 meeting at Kapolei Hale. Choe will take the lead on this bill and Choe may be contacted directly.

State Representative Tom Brower – Representative Brower distributed copies of his newsletter and reported the following:

- Homeless – A few business people on King Street contacted Representative Brower.
- Drugs at Sheridan Street and Makaloa Street – Representative Brower inquired about the issue.
- 100 Year Flood Mitigation Proposal – There was a Civil Beat Article about concerns that the "100 year flood" would cause the Ala Wai Canal to overflow, threatening surrounding communities like Ala Moana.
- Legislation – Submit any proposals to Representative Brower at the State Capitol.

State Representative Scott Saiki – Kay Yasufuku Tam distributed a newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland – Xan Avendano distributed Senator Chun Oakland's newsletter.

State Senator Brickwood Galuteria – Raytan Vares circulated copies of Senator Galuteria's newsletter and reported that Senator Galuteria was concerned with homeless issues. Senator Galuteria was in Washington, D.C. and Vares was available to hear concerns.

Governor David Ige's Representative – A representative was not present and a report was not available.

## PRESENTATIONS

Hawai'i Interagency Council on Homelessness (HICH) – Scott Morishige, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness mentioned spending 14 years in this area of homelessness. Morishige stressed multi-level cooperation and had statistics on families and singles. The presentation covered all aspects of homelessness, including Overview of Existing Data, The Kaka'ako Model, A Coordinated Approach to Addressing Homelessness, the Governor's Leadership Team on Homelessness, Community Stakeholders, Overview of Strategies, and Overview of Approach. While the media focuses on the negative, Morishige presented Updates on Kaka'ako Shelter Placements, the successes after only one month. Other topics mentioned were co-operation among various agencies, military involvement, the Mayor's campaign to help homeless veterans, the lawsuit against the Sit/Lie bill, and problems at the shelters. Morishige's presentation was made available for interested people.

Comments followed: Neighborhood Boards – McLaughlin asked what the Neighborhood Board can do. Morishige mentioned to keep the communication open and share the successes. Chair Landry noticed a difference and invited Morishige back.

Spike and Serve – Kevin Wong, U.S. Beach Volleyball Olympian and Spike and Serve Founder and Director, shared his vision of bringing world-class beach volleyball to Hawaii and Kaka'ako. As Wong had the vision, he wanted to meet the right people to make his dreams a reality.

## BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – **As there were no objections, the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board No. 11 approved the September 22, 2015 regular meeting minutes by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 8-0-0 (AYE: Ammons, Chang, Hurst, Komine, Landry, McLaughlin, Tam, and Zehner; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Treasurer's Report – Tam reported expenditures of \$54.54 for August 2015, leaving a balance of \$457.70. The Treasurer's report was filed.

#### NOTICE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- Citizen Patrols – Mondays and Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. at Sheridan Park
- Public Hearing – Department of Permitting and Planning (DPP), regarding Prospect Properties LLC: Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 10:00 a.m. at Mission Memorial Conference Room
- Public Hearing – Honolulu Liquor Commission, regarding Ninja Sushi Ala Moana, Sarau Wholesale Liquor, and others: Thursday, October 8, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at the Pacific Park Plaza, floor six located at 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard
- Public Hearing – Honolulu Liquor Commission, regarding Bellini Bistro and Bar, Jean Marc Honolulu, Nordstrom, Inc. dba Nordstrom Habitant and dba Nordstrom Ruscello, and others: Thursday, October 22, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at the Pacific Park Plaza, floor six located at 711 Kapi'olani Boulevard
- Day of Thanksgiving Bazaar – The Day of Thanksgiving Bazaar will be on Saturday October 3, 2015 at the Makiki Christian Church, 829 Pensacola Street.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Ala Moana-Kaka'ako Neighborhood Board is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at Makiki Christian Church located at 829 Pensacola Street.
- **No loitering** on Makiki Christian Church grounds after 9:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Submitted by:  
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:  
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:  
Tom McLaughlin, Secretary

Reviewed and Finalized by:  
Aaron Landry, Chair